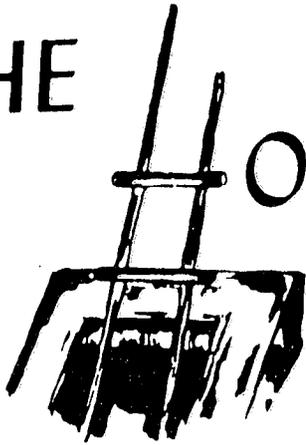
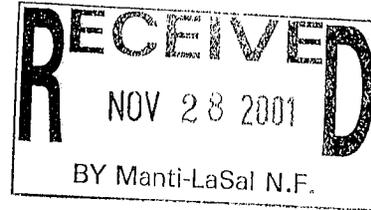


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Elaine J. Zieroth, Forest Supervisor  
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Dear Supervisor Zieroth,

Thank you for your letter dated October 29, 2001, in response to our May 29, 2001, letter, with the enclosed cultural resources survey of the Flat Canyon Federal Coal Lease Tract. As you know, the Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in southern Utah, and therefore we appreciate your continuing solicitation our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

In our May 29, 2001, letter, the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office reviewed the *Flat Canyon Coal Lease Tract, Draft Environmental Impact Statement* which stated that approximately 16% of the project area had been field inventoried, that cultural resource surveys are required, and that lithic scatters are the only prehistoric Native American sites known to occur in the project area.

Based on the cultural resource survey report, *A Cultural Resource Inventory of the Canyon Fuel Company's Flat Canyon Coal Lease in Sanapete County, Utah*, by Montgomery Archaeological Consultants, which identified no prehistoric cultural resources in this proposed area of potential effect, the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office concurs that it appears unlikely that this proposal will affect any prehistoric properties.

We also recommendation that if any cultural features or deposits are encountered during project activities, these activities must be discontinued in the immediate area of the remains and a qualified archaeologist must be consulted to evaluate their nature and significance. If any Native American human remains or funerary objects are discovered during construction they must be reported as required by law.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Clay Hamilton at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director  
Cultural Preservation Office

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